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Bargains at S. Mayer & Son's!

S. Mayer & Son are now closing out their entire
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DRY GOODS, DRESS GOODS

CLOAKS
DOLMANS,
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COMFORTS, FLANNELS,

Knitted
Woolens Goods, Linens, Towels, Damasks.
This stock embraces everything new and stylish and is

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To enable our exclusive handling of Military Goods.

S. MAYER & SON. A CHANGE OF STYLE

When this old suit was new
The railroad was a stage,
And a six-wheeled team made plenty of noise.
For the broadest kind of gauge.
You caught a goose when you wanted a pig.
The ink you used was blue,
And the women you loved didn't want to be men
When this old suit was new.

A spade was only a spade,
And denim was just plain "jean."
For his impudent lip, a boy would skip
At the end of a certain rope.
There were sixteen ounces in every pound,
Four quarts made a gallon true;
But things don't seem like they used to be
When this old suit was new.

But we've shortened the time since then,
And we're running a faster boat,
And the boys of ten are full grown men,
Who run the store and the street.
We blush to brag, and we should smile,
We're quite and we never say die;
We're up to snuff, and we're full of guile,
And when you're too awfully dry;
And father is Governor, old man, dad,
And his old lady is gone,
We've run things fast and a little tall
Since we put this new suit on.

SELLING OUT AT COST!

We will sell out at cost our entire stock, consisting of Hosiery, Suits,
Fancy Goods, Lace, Gloves, Ladies' Underwear, Towels, Table
Linens, etc. Also, a Fine Lot of Ready-Made Dresses.

Cloaks, Dolmans, Ulsters Gents' Furnishing Goods!

All of the above mentioned goods, and many other articles too numerous to mention, must
be sold out within the coming two weeks, as the firm wishes to close the premises, preparatory
to going into other business. Call early and secure bargains. (11-24-1m)

I. MARKS & CO.,

No. 5 Commerce Street Near Bridge,
L. ROUVANT,

Has opened up in his new store, at 255 Commerce street,
with a most elegant display of

Watches, Diamonds, Fine Jewelry.

255 Commerce Street, San Antonio, Texas.

THE AUBREY MYSTERY.

It Deepens and Doubles Thickens, While
Friends and Family Endeavor to
Solve the Puzzle.

There is a mystery, to say the least, growing out of the departure of Mr. William Aubrey, the attorney, and the subsequent happy mandate by telegram to his wife to follow him to New Orleans, a few hours afterwards. The air is thick with rumors, so thick that scandal mongers, "I told you so" gossip, old maid clubs and divorce societies are adding suggestions and making improvements to the unsolved riddle.

Female character breakers and idle vixens, formerly as pale as a tape worm, while engaged in making some wiles of the Lord's prayer-pattern for the distant heathen, are now finding the heathen and shouting with a zeal, which tells of a gratified curiosity, "Nearer My God to Thee." They are roasting now with the flesh of a broken home and ruined hearts.

Mr. Aubrey had only been married a few months, and the sudden telegram to his wife, from New Orleans, signed Henriquez, has set the sensationalists agog. It may take some time to unravel the mystery, but this afternoon very little light can be thrown on the affair. Yesterday Mr. J. E. Labatt received a dispatch from his brother, Judge Labatt, at New Orleans, which renders the case still more mystifying. It says: "The previous dispatch was on the statement of Henriquez. Aubrey is not at hospital. Henriquez has suddenly disappeared from Cassidy's hotel—'rammed.' Several questions arise: 'Who in the name of all the Gods at once is Henriquez? Was Aubrey hurt? Was he at the Tourist hospital? If hurt, why did not the telegraph announce it? If the New Orleans exchanges received at this office, which have been carefully scanned, tell of it? Then, since the receipt of the foregoing telegram, Mr. Aubrey's family have received a dispatch saying that 'Mrs. Aubrey was well and Mr. Aubrey nearly so.' Henriquez must have lied to Judge Labatt when he informed him that Aubrey was at the Tourist hospital, for Labatt visited that institution, found no Aubrey and telegraphed that Henriquez had 'rammed.' It cannot be supposed for a moment that Aubrey has met with foul play, for the second dispatch above quoted puts this claim in its little bed. Where are Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey at present? This cannot at present writing be determined. Why has not Mrs. Aubrey, knowing the anxiety and distress of her family on her departure, telegraphed particulars? Without suggesting by either hint, insinuation, or plain declaration, things that are heard on all sides, the Light awaits further developments in a few hours. It is now in telegraphic communication with several parties in New Orleans, who are now at work solving the matter after a theory advanced by the Light. That theory would now be stated, but as it might possibly reflect on the innocent, it is for the present withheld. To-morrow morning's advances to this paper, we think, will go far to clear up the mystery.

"THE BAT CAVE."

Complaints of its Condition—Let Our City Council "Remember the Forgotten."

Isn't it about time that something was done to remove the bad impression, both at home and abroad, relative to the condition of the city calaboose? It would not be tempting the impossible to inaugurate a slight reform there. It is termed and known everywhere as the "bat pit," "bat cave" and "vermin quarry." Doubtless many of the complaints are based upon the not always reliable testimony of ex-prisoners, but the fact that seven rats were caught there two nights ago, and that vermin infest both it and the prisoners, suggests that steps be taken to apply a remedy.

It is both the charity and the policy of the law to regard a prisoner as innocent till proved guilty. Many a man, guiltless of the offense charged against him has laid in this prison, and it seems hard that he should undergo punishment which the law never contemplated by reason of the condition of this place of confinement.

We are not laying the blame at any particular door. Without doubt the officers in charge are humane, but an investigation is demanded and a reform called for. The helpless, isolated, almost defenceless condition of the prisoners renders them, even if guilty, objects of humane treatment, at least. In fact, the law provides for this. It was said of John Howard, the English philanthropist, who visited every jail in his country, that he "remembered the forgotten." He initiated reforms in prison management and alleviated the wretched state of the convict. Hon. Joseph R. Chandler, of Philadelphia, after serving with distinction in Congress, devoted his time and vast means up to the day of his death, towards the same end. Our City Council can share in a measure, and to a degree, in the honors and gratitude accorded these men by inspecting the city jail for themselves and making needed recommendations. No complaint is made of the food or abuse of prisoners by the management. It is only of the building of the "cave" itself, which is a blighting disgrace.

SOMETHING BEHIND.

Mrs. Woody is Fined \$5 for Using Insulting Language to Simon Root.

This morning Mrs. Woody appeared before the Recorder on a charge of using insulting language towards Simon Root.

Mr. Root said: "I am a clerk at Elmer & Smith's. Day before yesterday Mrs. Woody stepped into the store and asked for the proprietor. I said the proprietor was not in, and

then asked her if I could do anything for her, at the same time stating I knew her face. She then replied she would have me arrested, and that she had been a married woman for 12 years. Mrs. Woody left, and shortly afterwards returned, using the language for which I had her arrested.

Cross examined by Mr. Anderson: "There was a gentleman present at the time of our conversation, but he is not to be found; did not say 'How are you, honey,' to her, but said 'I think I know your face.' She did not come in to buy hair pins, but asked for the proprietor.

Mr. Elmer stated that he heard Mrs. Woody call Root names.

Mr. Woody gave evidence as to his being married to Mrs. Woody.

After an eloquent address to the jury by Mr. Mac Anderson, in which he stated there must have been something behind, as no honest married woman, such as Mrs. Woody, would be worked up to such a pitch as to call Root names she did, and declare she had been married for 12 years, without a cause. To this Mr. Newton made an able response, saying even was there a cause, decent women would not use such language, and it should be stopped.

The jury found the defendant guilty of using insulting language, and fined her \$5. Motion for a new trial was made, and a counter affidavit filed against Mr. Simon Root.

THE EXCURSIONISTS.

A Quiet Set of Gentlemen Who Will See for Themselves.

Just before impressing the "art preservative" on 2,000 of a city circulation, we have but time to mention the names of the North-western excursionists who wrote their sign manual on the Maverick dock this afternoon. They are:

D. W. Ellis, Minneapolis, Minn.; A. B. Judkins, Springfield, Ill.; Mrs. J. P. Gage, Clinton, Iowa; Miss Clotilde Gage, Clinton, Iowa; Miss Minnie Warren, Clinton, Iowa; J. W. Dalby, Springfield, Ill.; James E. Brown, Galesburg, Ill.; Ed Grant, Drakeville, Iowa; Thomas Thompson, Oklaheima, Iowa; R. B. Ayres, Grand Rapids, Mich.; E. A. Holmes, New York; W. M. Litherwood, Baltimore, Md.

These gentlemen came to see for themselves, at their own expense. They are not financially in the "vine hole," like the roystering, d. h. banquet-hungry toothpicks of some excursions that every city in the country has been more or less afflicted with. If they can see money ahead for their own investment or that of their friends and their principals, they are prepared to place their money, without the extraneous aid of waual, wine, free carriages or ungentlemanly bunbury.

MAJOR BELKNAP'S PLAN.

A Meeting of Aldermen to Hear, Deliberate and Determine.

Yesterday the Council, consisting of four members and Mayor French, met at the French building to take into consideration Major Belknap's scheme to improve the streets of San Antonio.

Mayor French thought the tax payers of the city would not vote the \$300,000 necessary unless the streets were improved by a new and good system of sewers, but that everybody saw the necessity of a sewerage system.

Major Dwyer said that some people in the city imagined they would have to pay all the taxes, while those in the suburbs will scarcely be taxed at all.

Mayor French, Major Dwyer and Major Belknap were unanimous in favor of the sewerage, and the Mayor then stated he would write to Major Humphreys at Memphis, asking him to come and examine the city and prepare plans for a complete sewerage. When that is accomplished the most prominent tax payers will be invited to meet the committee.

RECEPTION.

The San Antonio Club Makes Its First Social Bow of the Season.

Last evening about 8 o'clock the rooms of the San Antonio club were thrown open for the reception of its members and invited guests of both sexes. The attendance was large, and consisted of many of San Antonio's most charming ladies, with their escorts. A line of carriages was constantly coming and going during the entire evening, as their occupants alighted at the stairway of the club rooms to be greeted with strains of music floating through the windows overhead. Dancing and merriment reigned supreme. Refreshments were served in elegant style and the reception was a success among the society people. It was largely attended, and gives evidence of the prosperity and popularity of the club.

The Way the Money Goes.

The city of San Antonio pays the sum of \$3,800 a year for a civil engineer, yet at the last meeting, as will be seen by the following resolution, decides to hire "a competent man" to do extra work:

"Resolved, That seven hundred and fifty (\$750) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to engage the service of a well known, competent civil engineer to devise a system of sewerage for the city, and that His Honor, the Mayor, be requested to employ C. E. Waring, Jr., or Major Humphreys, of Memphis, Tennessee."

A Fear of the Realism.

A distinguished party of Englishmen are at the Menger who have registered themselves as Earl of Aylesford, Hon. D. Finch, Mr. Drummond and Mr. Bennett. They are interested in Texas lands. They halted in Austin a few days, and will remain a brief while to visit other portions of the State afterwards.

TEXAS NOTES.

Hens Gleaned From the State Press and Comments Thereon.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Abundant and heavy rains have fallen. The city authorities of Mexico will build a \$50,000 school house. Mr. Kirkpatrick's fence was cut the second time on Sunday, November 11.

BLANCO COUNTY.—The News has no record of crimes, or casualties. A killing foot put in an appearance on November 10. The News says farmers will soon have the last bale of cotton picked out. The citizens of Blanco are endeavoring to raise funds for the erection of a building for a high school. Let them push ahead.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.—Heavy rains, several wash outs on the railroad and a rise in the river. It says the lumber business is on a boom and that all men who will work can get good wages. The recent grand jury found 11 indictments up to the time the Enterprise went to press; the docket of the District court is heavy. Tramps plentiful.

CASS COUNTY.—The Citizens' Journal chronicles two white frosts and some heavy rains. Some sickness, prevailing in its effects, in Atlanta, where the Journal is published. The Journal says: "We could not find corn meal enough in town to-day to make bread for our dinner." Carpenters busy in Atlanta. Dr. J. M. Leary died suddenly of heart disease. In the Bryan's will neighborhood the cotton is turning out well, the people are out of debt, and corn is selling at 60 cents a bushel.

HAYS COUNTY can boast of a Tilden paper, the Free Press, which "chaws" Reagan, Maury and Coke with as much zest as a catfish feeds in breakfasting on a broiled minnow, but with no more effect than the viper met with in its attack on the fish. Sterling Fisher, Esq., was nominated for the seat in the Legislature made vacant by the resignation of S. B. McMillin. The Free Press mentions the presence of Mr. Everett, the music dealer of San Antonio, and his sale of a piano. The same paper publishes an interesting article descriptive of Hays county, and shows vine and enterprise.

LIANO.—On the night of November 8 a horse belonging to Dr. Dnabov was stolen from the livery stable. On the night of November 9 the town of Bluffon was destroyed by fire, only one house, a drug store, escaping. The fire was the work of incendiaries. The night of November 10 a men camped on the road between Lane Grove and Valley Springs was robbed of \$65, and no clue to the robbery. On Sunday night, November 11, Mr. James McLeary, who had strolled a short distance from his house, was seized by four negroes lying in ambush, thrown down and castrated. The parties were masked, but the unfortunate gentleman believes he recognized two of them. Liano has a tip top criminal record—men will leer around the county.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY.—The Taylor Texas says it rained in that town for several days, and it was the heaviest rainfall in that section for a number of years. George Layton, formerly of Chicago, and well known in San Antonio, as a gambler, was found dead in the street in Taylor, on November 15, from exposure and bronchitis. He was on a spree also. He served during the war as a bugler in the Thirtieth Wisconsin. John Williams weighs 350 pounds and has a 10 year old daughter who weighs 150 pounds. Wheat sown before the rains is looking well. 3174 bags of cotton have been shipped from Georgetown. H. H. Young, an old and respected citizen, died in his 75th year, on November 11. Cotton generally gathered. The Taylor Texas devotes a column to the marriage of Mr. Alex. McGregor and Lillian Mendel.

RISK COUNTY.—The Times is frank and independent; it speaks of the Galveston News as the best Democratic paper in Texas and regards fence cutting as "resistance to oppression," and as "obedience to God." It says a law which allows a man to fence a whole county is inhuman and will be revised. Rev. J. M. Kelley died at his home near Henderson November 12. He had resided in Texas for 25 years. The farmers of Risk with a law regulating labor. A negro woman, who was cooking for Mr. Hickey, is in jail for putting morphine into the gravy to poison the family. Many farmers are preparing for the crop of next year. A narrow gauge road from Henderson to Troupe is talked of.

LIVE OAK COUNTY.—Mr. J. Rally had three miles of new wire fence cut. He had enclosed none but his own land. His neighbor ranchmen offered to put his fence up again and gather his stock. Lagarto is in a decline; several citizens have left the town on the Naueas are going back wards instead of forward. The rich are growing richer and the poor are getting poorer. Such as failed to secure land in the past will have to go. The pasture men are well fixed and have the country in their power. The soil in the Naueas valley is good for cultivation, but the stockmen will not sell off land and do not care to cultivate the soil. The people of Live Oak are almost without mail, in consequence of the discontinuance of November 1 of the route from San Antonio to Corpus Christi, established 30 years ago. The mail for Live Oak, instead of going 75 miles, now goes to San Diego, Laredo, San Antonio, Pleasanton, etc., and the mail from two precincts, Lagarto and Ramirez, in order to reach the county seat, has to traverse nine counties and travel 400 miles.

NAUEAS COUNTY.—The Caller is a cleanly printed and capital paper. A new tin roof has just been put on the court house. The steamship Californian brought the largest cargo of coffee, 160,000 pounds of Mexican coffee, ever brought to this port. It was forwarded to its destination by the Mexican National railroad. G. Clinton Gardner, General Manager, denies the alleged sale of the Mexican National to Huntington, and says it is unfounded. The Germans in Corpus Christi have organized a Casino, have furnished the rooms tastefully, and have a social time. Four deserters from the United States army, growing tired of skulking, went to Deputy United States Marshal Freeman and surrendered themselves, requesting to be sent back to Fort McIntosh. General Gardner, General Manager of the Mexican National, will make his headquarters in Corpus Christi during the winter. A petition for the pardon of Robert C. Daugherty, convicted of robbing the mails, has been generally signed. The Caller mentions a brilliant wedding, the parties being Mr. J. H. C. White and Miss Fannie Mallory. Much new machinery has been introduced in the Naueas valley by the farmers, who are preparing to raise extensive crops next year. In consequence of the drought and overstocking the pastures, cattle are in poor condition along the Naueas river.

THE BOSTON FORGER.

C. F. Dewey Criticizes the Correspondents and Says Robert Halpert is Innocent.

To the Galveston News.
BOSTON, November 12, 1883.—In answer to the San Antonio "Budget of News," as it appears in your issue of the 25th ultimo, I beg the privilege of your valued columns to correct the misad and most unreliable "information" from your "special to the News."

It is my pleasant duty to declare most emphatically that Mr. Robert Halpert is in no wise connected with the issue now existing between parties here and myself, neither in this commercial difference nor in any previous to this, as alleged in various reports throughout the country by the eminent knights of the quill. I affirm, as I shall even repeat for deposition in due time, that Mr. Halpert, of San Antonio, has never had any business dealings with me, nor has he ever known of my business arrangements, nor asked concerning them, nor has he ever ventured to give me advice on any of my adventures, neither have we met since 1870 until recently; and finally, I most positively deny that any one in San Antonio, or at all in the extreme South or West, have ever had any business or social relations with me, and I challenge your able and prophetic correspondence to prove by facts, and not by mere insinuations and allegations, this to the contrary, and I especially call upon the intelligent readers and your readers as well, to request that the extraordinary news from your special be apologetically explained or the allegations substantiated.

Your correspondent seemingly is all at sea. My arrival at San Antonio occurred without Mr. Halpert's knowledge, and he did not visit me until after my messenger had reached him. He called some five hours after my arrival at the hotel, and remained but a very short time. This occurred on the 27th of September, I think. The call was purely personal, and such as might be expected after a separation of some 13 years. I happened on my way west and had other business demanding my attention.

Your correspondent says it is now known that the actual fraud arrived in this city on the heels of his supposed brother's attempt to negotiate with Groves & Co., and much more exaggerated insinuation. A careful inspection of the hotel register, and the subsequent dates as to Groves & Co. as reported even by this gentleman, leaves a difference of time something like fifteen days. This, your correspondent says, is equally successful in proving any shadow of a gang whose ramifications, he maintains, are to have been at San Antonio; nor has he to this day made good his promise to treat the expert public to these revelations, which will embrace not less than 13 persons, all of whom, with probably two exceptions, are Israelites, all of whom have been and are still in this city and its environs. To the observant reader it would seem first that the gentleman is quite familiar with dates and facts, and equally confident of proving his wholesale accusations, but when your indulgent readers have patiently waited for the proof of these repeated revelations and to this day have received not another promise even, to say nothing of facts wanting, or rather the facts on the contrary, as the voluntary discontinuance of the persecution at San Antonio amply indicates, it is only proper and justly due society wherever good decency and regard for veracity exist, that your correspondent be invited to explain his valuable and important news, especially as to the gang, and all the 13 (unlucky number) accomplices or, should he desire to save the two exceptions, let him prove as to the Israelites he insinuates, or confess that his eagerness as a correspondent has enticed him to a long vacation.

While I in no wise care to say ought about my clients, I do it in incident upon me to make this statement that others may not suffer on account of having had limited social relations with me, and I trust that an intelligent public will think twice and abstain further developments, as they credit any malicious, personal and unreliable reports, and rather pass an opinion after having heard from a jury—the highest tribunal and sole protectors of America's liberty, and the Nation's property, than credit the largely exaggerated accounts of newspapers, no two of which tell the same story. C. F. Dewey.

Prisoner Brought In.

Deputy United States Marshal Niggle arrived in town yesterday, and Deputy Marshal Joe Shely, bringing a man named R. Schneider, wanted for horse stealing. Schneider was sent on to Laredo last night.